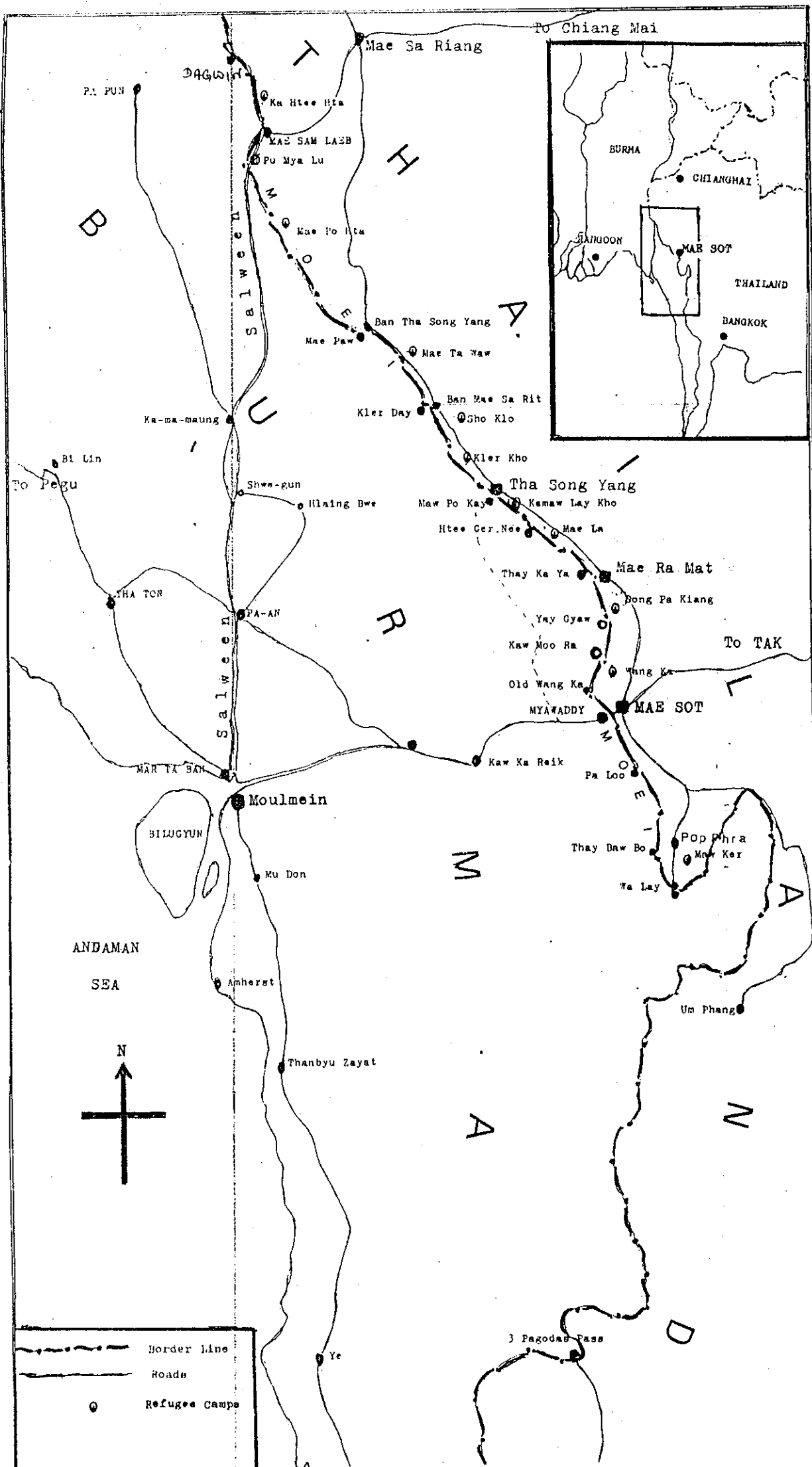


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The Karen Refugee Committee is sincerely grateful to all parties concerned for the care and concern the Karen refugees continue to be blessed with through this difficult time. Life is hard but the help and support received have seen them safely through month after month.

The situation along the border during the month of August has been fairly quiet. But intermittent Burmese bombardments on the Karen camps of Kaw Moq Ra and Ye Gyaw continue, varying from time to time in intensity. More movement of Burmese troops around Kaw Moo Ra and Ye Gyaw camps have been reported. There were some casualties when earlier this month Burmese troops fired upon Karen civilians out seeking bamboo shoots in the forest or working in the corn fields in this specific area. On the Salween side Burmese troops still dig in at certain points close to the border. There had been a few incidents when boats plying the Salween river were fired upon.

On the health situation malaria is as ever, the biggest problem. Respiratory infection is also a problem mostly with children under 5 years old. Diarrheal diseases have been reported and the medical personnels are following the situation closely,

NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No, of Families	Over 12 Yrs.		5 - 12 Yrs.		Under 5 Yrs.		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	680	738	1229	418	419	214	227	3245
DON PA KIANG	427	744	768	215	215	190	157	2289
MAE LA	737	719	1215	495	522	179	165	3295
KAMAW LAY KHO	501	733	887	308	282	143	179	2532
KLER KHO	327	623	600	220	199	99	116	1857
SHO KLO	1210	2004	2571	731	686	393	430	6815
MAE TA WAW	436	632	822	368	374	T61	160	2517
MAW KER	644	1229	1193	265	257	276	278	3498
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	3.7	45	16	23	326
KA HTEE HTA	86	129	145	62	51	28	21	436
	5109	7646	9540	3119	3050	1699	1756	26810
S NAY PONG	60	78	85	35	38	28	25	289
TA KONG	125	169	214	80	72	56	52	643
	5294	7893	9839	3234	3160	1783	1833	27742
MAE TAY HTA)								
THI ROH HTA)	124							638
TOTAL	5417							28355

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

From:-		
CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	...	2756
INTERAID, THAILAND (ICA)		330
CATHOLIC OFFICS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF		
AND REFUGEES		510
FULL GOSPEL CHURCH		100
		3696

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE SUPPLIED (for August)	RICE NEEDED (for Sept.)
WANG KA	465	504
DON PA KIANG	333	353
MAE LA	475	521
KAMAW LAY KHO	345	395
KLER KHO	253	292
SHO KLO	943	1067
MAE TA WAW	383	393
MAW KER	499	537
	3696	4062

Other items received during the month

From: -		
CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	...	
	Salt	... 212 bags
	Fish Paste	... 1246 tins
- INTERAID, THAILAND (ICA)	...	
	Fish Paste	... 135 tins

Distribution of other items received.

Camp:	Salt(bags)	F. Paste(tins)
WANG KA	26	172
DON PA KIANG	19	122
MAE LA	27	175
KAMAW LAY KHO	21	135
KLER KHO	15	98
SHO KLO	55	361
MAE TA WAW ;	21	134
MAW KER	28	184
	212	1381

The Karen Refugee Committee is sincerely grateful to the authorities concerned and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness towards the Karen refugees who are in trouble and need. This manifestation of goodwill will always be remembered by the Karen people.

The committee is also sincerely grateful to the individuals and agencies concerned for their continued endeavour to help.

The number of refugees is still increasing. This reflects the ever present danger and hardship across the border from which these people had to escape.

A large number of Karen civilians are still living on their own side of the border in a very difficult and unpredictable situation. There is a general speculation that a new round of fighting could break out soon. In such a case, these people will undoubtedly be affected.

The refugees look forward to the day when peace will come back to the land. But peace is still not in sight. The future is still dark and gloomy. They need your support and your prayers.

May God bless all of you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Htwe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert Htwe

Chairman

Karen Refugee Committee